

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

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~~17~~. (New) A method for retrieving a particular resource, the method comprising:
 parsing a resource descriptor associated with the particular resource, the resource descriptor comprising a uniform resource identifier (URI) and a signature, wherein the signature is not a uniform resource identifier;
 responsive to locating a candidate resource using the uniform resource identifier, confirming the candidate resource is the particular resource using the signature; and
 responsive to failing to locate the particular resource using the uniform resource identifier, locating the particular resource, a copy of the particular resource, or another resource similar to the particular resource using the signature.

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~~18~~. (New) The method of claim ¹~~17~~, wherein failure to locate the particular resource using the uniform resource identifier is a result of relocation or deletion of the particular resource from a location identified by the uniform resource identifier.

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~~19~~. (New) The method of claim ¹~~17~~, wherein the signature is a search query and wherein confirming the candidate resource is the particular resource comprises:

executing the search query to compile a result set; and
confirming the candidate resource is one of a predetermined number of top results in the result set.

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~~20.~~ (New) The method of claim ¹~~17~~, wherein confirming the candidate resource is the particular resource comprises:

generating a candidate signature from the candidate resource; and
confirming the candidate signature matches the signature within a predetermined tolerance.

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~~21.~~ (New) The method of claim ¹~~17~~, further comprising:
locating one or more copies of the particular resource using the signature.

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~~22.~~ (New) The method of claim ¹~~17~~, further comprising:
locating one or more other resources similar to the particular resource using the signature.

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~~23.~~ (New) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium, the computer readable medium including a computer readable program for retrieving a particular resource, wherein the computer readable program when executed on a computer causes the computer to:

parse a resource descriptor associated with the particular resource, the resource descriptor comprising a uniform resource identifier (URI) and a signature, wherein the signature is not a uniform resource identifier;

responsive to locating a candidate resource using the uniform resource identifier, confirm the candidate resource is the particular resource using the signature; and

responsive to failing to locate the particular resource using the uniform resource identifier, locate the particular resource, a copy of the particular resource, or another resource similar to the particular resource using the signature.

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~~24.~~ (New) The computer program product of claim ⁷~~23~~, wherein failure to locate the particular resource using the uniform resource identifier is a result of relocation or deletion of the particular resource from a location identified by the uniform resource identifier;

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~~25.~~ (New) The computer program product of claim ⁷~~23~~, wherein the signature is a search query and wherein confirm the candidate resource is the particular resource comprises:

execute the search query to compile a result set; and

confirm the candidate resource is one of a predetermined number of top results in the result set.

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~~26.~~ (New) The computer program product of claim ⁷~~23~~, wherein confirm the candidate resource is the particular resource comprises:

generate a candidate signature from the candidate resource; and

confirm the candidate signature matches the signature within a predetermined tolerance.

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~~27.~~ (New) The computer program product of claim ⁷~~23~~, wherein the computer readable program when executed on the computer further causes the computer to:

locate one or more copies of the particular resource using the signature.

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~~28~~. (New) The computer program product of claim ⁷~~23~~, wherein the computer readable program when executed on the computer further causes the computer to:

locate one or more other resources similar to the particular resource using the signature.

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~~29~~. (New) An apparatus for retrieving a particular resource, the apparatus comprising:
means for parsing a resource descriptor associated with the particular resource, the resource descriptor comprising a uniform resource identifier (URI) and a signature, wherein the signature is not a uniform resource identifier;

responsive to locating a candidate resource using the uniform resource identifier, means for confirming the candidate resource is the particular resource using the signature; and

responsive to failing to locate the particular resource using the uniform resource identifier, means for locating the particular resource, a copy of the particular resource, or another resource similar to the particular resource using the signature;

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~~30~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ¹³~~29~~, wherein failure to locate the particular resource using the uniform resource identifier is a result of relocation or deletion of the particular resource from a location identified by the uniform resource identifier.

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~~31~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ¹³~~29~~, wherein the signature is a search query and wherein means for confirming the candidate resource is the particular resource comprises:

means for executing the search query to compile a result set; and

means for confirming the candidate resource is one of a predetermined number of top results in the result set.

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~~32.~~ (New) The apparatus of claim ¹³~~29~~, wherein means for confirming the candidate resource is the particular resource comprises:

means for generating a candidate signature from the candidate resource; and

means for confirming the candidate signature matches the signature within a predetermined tolerance,

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~~33.~~ (New) The apparatus of claim ¹³~~29~~, further comprising:

means for locating one or more copies of the particular resource using the signature.

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~~34.~~ (New) The apparatus of claim ¹³~~29~~, further comprising:

means for locating one or more other resources similar to the particular resource using the signature.

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